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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT

SUBJECT VEB Schwermaschinenbau "Ernst Thaelmann", DATE DISTR. 31 JUL 1959  
 Magdeburg: Experimental Built-up  
 Welding for Reactor Materials

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2. In June 1958, a research and development office was set up in the VEB Schwermaschinenbau "Ernst Thaelmann", Magdeburg. This office was allocated the sum of 1 million DME for 1959 to modernize current production, to overcome production bottlenecks, and to expand production through the introduction of gypsum-sulphur (Gipsschwefel) installations; these latter are for the increase of sulphur production in East Germany - two installations have been constructed for Wolfen.
3. In 1959, the total production of the Schwermaschinenbau is to be increased to 330 million DME; the increase is mainly to result from the production of the gypsum-sulphur installations and equipment for the fertilizer industry; the cement equipment program, which originally was to have been cut back, remains unchanged. Production is expected to be increased also by new production of a foil-rolling mill and modernization of stranding machinery.

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4. In late 1960, two reactor constructions are to be completed by VEB Bergmann-Borsig. The plants affiliated with the construction of atomic reactor components are VEB Karl-Marx-Werk, Magdeburg (vents); VEB Ernst Thaelmann-Werk, Magdeburg; VEB Karl-Liebknecht-Werk, Magdeburg; and VEB Bergmann-Borsig, Berlin (2 reactors).

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